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DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF MISSION GIANT SCALE S0123, 20 JANUARY 1969, REVEALS THE UNIDENTIFIED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY REPORTED BY REF TO BE A PROBABLE RAILWAY UNDER CONSTRUCTION GENERALLY PARALLELING THE HANOI-PING HSIANG RAIL LINE SOUTH OF LANG SON. PRESENT LIMITS OF CONSTRUCTION IS OBSERVED BETWEEN 214120N 1063800E AND 214500N 1064240E, A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 5.5 NM. THE MOST ACTIVE AREA OF CONSTRUCTION IS AT 214232N 1044005E WHERE THE RIGHT-OF-WAY CROSSES ROUTE 1A. THE CONSTRUCTION IS IN EARLY STAGES AND CONSISTS OF EARTH CLEARING AND LEVELING, DISMANTLING OF BUILDINGS, AND CONSTRUCTION OF CULVERTS ALONG THE LENGTH OF THE CONSTRUCTION. SOME NEARLY COMPLETE CULVERTS ARE FROM 200 TO 300 FEET IN LENGTH AND WILL PROVIDE DRAINAGE FOR THE WIDE BASE NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE THE LARGE AMOUNT OF EARTH FILL REQUIRED TO MAINTAIN A SUITABLE GRADE. THE CULVERTS APPEAR TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF CONCRETE PIPE SECTIONS. THE OBSERVED CONSTRUCTION IS FOLLOWING A SURVEY CUT THROUGH THE CENTER OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY.

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